

Urban District of Aldridge-Brownhills



# Annual Report

of the

## Health Department

for the year 1972

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Medical Officer of Health

H. PERKINS, M.A.P.H.I.  
Chief Public Health Inspector



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URBAN DISTRICT OF ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(as at 31st December 1972)

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Councillor R. Arkell

Councillor L. Bottrill

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HEALTH AND SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND DISTRICT SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

H. Shore, M.D., D.T.M & H., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND DEPUTY DISTRICT SCHOOL

MEDICAL OFFICER

W. S. Slater, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. – Resigned 31/5/72.

Monica Grant, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H., D.C.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
M.F.C.M. Appointed 1/6/72

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER

Monica Grant, L.R.C.P & S., D.P.H. D.R.C.O.G., D.C.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
M.F.C.M. until 31/5/72

DEPARTMENT MEDICAL OFFICERS – PART TIME

Margaret Bamber, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

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A. Mein, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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R. G. Regalado, L.A.H.

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OPHTHALMIC SPECIALISTS – PART TIME

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E. J. McCabe, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.

B. M. McOwan, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.

E. N. T. SPECIALISTS – PART TIME

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R. M. Simons, M.B., F.R.C.S., D.L.O.

AREA DENTAL OFFICER

D. R. Ogden, N.B.S., L.D.S., R.C.S.

DISTRICT SCHOOL DENTAL OFFICERS

Mr. K. J. Basil, B.Sc., B.D.S., M.D.S. (full time to 20/9/72 then part time)

Mr. R. W. Bryant, B.D.S., M.D.S., Part time. Appointed 1/3/72

Mrs. S. Glover, L.D.S., Part time. Resigned 28/5/72

Mr. D. K. Partington, B.D.S., L.D.S., Part time. Appointed 2/10/72

Mr. N. G. Shreeve, B.D.S. Part time Appointed 2/10/72

Mr. H. Villiers, B.D.S. Part time. Resigned 31/3/72

CONSULTANT IN CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY – PART TIME

Mr. J. J. Crabb, B.D.S., L.D.S., F.D.S., R.C.S., Appointed 28/11/72

DENTAL ANAESTHETISTS – PART TIME

R. I. Giffiord, M.B., Ch.B.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST – PART TIME

Mrs. M. J. Belt, M.C.S.P.

SPEECH THERAPIST – PART TIME

Mrs. S. Anderson, L.C.S.T. Resigned 31/7/72

Mrs. A. E. Byrom, L.C.S.T. Appointed 1/12/72

VISION TESTING SURVEY – PART TIME

Mrs. M. C. Jones

AUDIOMETRICIAN – PART TIME

Mrs. M. Moss

PERIPATETIC TEACHER OF CHILDREN WITH HEARING DEFECTS

Mr. T. Lonsborough

NURSING SUPERVISOR

Mrs. M. E. Overend

DEPUTY NURSING SUPERVISOR

Miss W. Fido

HEALTH VISITORS

Mrs. S. Bates, Appointed 31/1/72

Mrs. C. Collis, Part time

Appointed 12/6/72

Mrs. A. Connell.

Mrs. M. Cooper.

Mrs. F. Dix.

Mrs. M. Dougall, Part time

Appointed 1/3/72, Resigned 18/8/72

Mrs. C. Dunn, Appointed 1/10/72

Mrs. J. Maddocks

Miss E. Meade

Mrs. M. Mulliner, Part time

Appointed 15/8/72

Mrs. H. Myring.

Mrs. S. Rogers

Mrs. C. Thompson, Part time

Mrs. F. Webster, Retired 31/1/72

Mrs. M. Young

T. B. VISITOR – PART TIME

Mrs. M. E. Heaton

SCHOOL CLINIC NURSES

Mrs. A. M. Gold

Mrs. D. Humpherson, Resigned 4/6/72

Mrs. W. Kitto, Appointed 1/1/72

Mrs. M. Read

Mrs. J. Rees

Mrs. P. Sadre

Mrs. M. Showell, Part time.

MIDWIVES

Miss R. A. Bates

Mrs. E. D. Fleming

Mrs. A. R. Fowler, Appointed 1/1/72

Mrs. R. Guyler, Resigned 30/9/72

Mrs. W. Lakin

Mrs. A. M. McCarthy

Mrs. I. Pell

Miss D. M. Roden

Miss M. F. Sloane

Mrs. A. M. Terry

Miss C. Walker

Mrs. P. Wells, Appointed 1/3/72

Mrs. M. Wright

### DISTRICT NURSES

Miss B. M. Bartlam

Mrs. S. M. Bird

Mrs. E. Downes

Mrs. D. Gibbard

Mrs. D. B. Griffiths

Mrs. M. Higgs

Miss S. Hughes

Mrs. K. McNamara (S.E.N.)

Appointed 1/10/72

Miss N. O'Neil, Resigned 30/11/72

Mrs. A. Price

Mrs. N. Saddington

Mrs. J. Sheldon

Mr. A. Taylor, Resigned 6/8/72

Mrs. J. Whitehouse

Mrs. E. Williams

Mrs. C. Yardley (S.E.N.) Appointed 24/4/72

Mrs. R. Yates

### SENIOR DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTANT

Mrs. E. M. Lote, Appointed 1/4/72

### DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTANTS

Mrs. C. Clarke, Part time, Appointed 1/3/72

Miss L. Hardcastle, Appointed 1/2/72, Resigned 1/12/72

Mrs. E. M. Lote, Promoted 1/4/72

Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Part time

Mrs. W. A. Woodruffe, Part time

### CHIROPODISTS

Mr. C. J. Bradbury

Mr. J. Cole

Miss J. Hayes

Mr. M. Snowden

Mrs. M. Wilkinson, Part time school chiropodist

### HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER

Mr. J. Edwards

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

#### CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

H. C. Perkins, M.A.P.H.I.

#### DEPUTY CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

B. D. Duckworth, M.R.S.H.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

R. D. Bratt, M.A.P.H.I.

P.V. Moxon, M.A.P.H.I., Appointed 31/7/72

D. Payne, M.A.P.H.I.

T. Prime, M.A.P.H.I., Resigned April 1972

I. M. Ross, M.A.P.H.I., Appointed 31/4/72

K. Rhodes, M.A.P.H.I., Resigned December 1972

J. G. Thomas, M.A.P.H.I., Resigned January 1972

Mrs. B. Ware, M.A.P.H.I.



PUPIL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

A. Kirk

G. Toms

HANDYMEN – RODENT OPERATIVES

W. H. Platt

S. J. Wright

AMBULANCE DRIVERS

Mr. G. D. Bowen, Resigned 25/8/72

Mr. R. Jukes, Appointed 11/9/72

Mrs. M. Hadwen, Part time

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

Mrs. B. Adams, Part time

Mrs. H. Cuss, Part time

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL STAFF

CHIEF CLERK

Miss B. M. Moore

ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Mr. E. Marklew, Resigned July 1972

SECTION CLERKS

Maternity and Child Welfare

– Mrs. M. Bardsley

School Health Service

– Mrs. J. Watts, Resigned 3/12/72

Miss M. Munns, Appointed 1/12/72

CLERKS

Public Health

– Miss S. Gough, Resigned 24/11/72

Miss S. Gnosill

Miss A. Spencer, Appointed 13/7/72

Maternity and Child Welfare

– Mrs. M. Eldridge, Resigned 17/3/72

Miss B. Harvey, Appointed 11/12/72

Miss A. Johnson, Appointed 5/4/72

Mrs. J. Langley

Miss M. Munns, Resigned 30/11/72

School Health Service

– Miss J. Brough, Appointed 28/2/72

Mrs. W. Cutler

Mrs. G. Moulick, Resigned 5/3/72

To the Aldridge – Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for 1972.

This is my last Annual Report. On 1st April 1974 the post of Medical Officer of Health will disappear and with it my Annual Report.

The new man will be an Area Medical Officer with various Community Physicians.

I personally regret the abolition of the post of Medical Officer of Health who was the health official responsible to public democratic control. I fear that in future senior officials will be as inaccessible to the public as the ghosts in Kafka's castle.

I fear the following consequences :—

1. The Medical Officer of Health – Chief Public Health Inspector relationship will be replaced by discussions in a statutory Joint Consultative Committee. Problems of environmental health which used to be discussed (and usually solved) over a cup of tea, will now assume major proportions quite out of keeping with their importance.
2. The Medical Officer of Health – Staff relationship. Participatory management with the staff having a real say in the management of their affairs resulting in happy contentment will give way to hierarchical supervision.
3. The medical priority housing scheme in the district. In this district the Medical Officer of Health is to all intents and purposes a medical housing manager. I feel this is fairly unique in the country. The flat building policy of this Council did not remain entirely uninfluenced by this.

There have been no notable changes in the vital statistics of the District.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Your obedient servant,

H. SHORE

Medical Officer of Health and District School Medical Officer.

# STATISTICS

	1972	1971
Area of Urban District	13,276 acres	13,276 acres
Estimated Population	88,810	88,200
Rateable Value	£3,335,803	£3,160,000
Estimated net product of 1p Rate	£32,187	£31,583

## VITAL STATISTICS

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971
Live Births	678	785	662	771	1340	1556
Legitimate	648	759	615	732	1263	1491
Illegitimate	30	26	47	× 39	77	65
Still Births	11	8	14	12	25	20
Legitimate	9	8	14	11	23	19
Illegitimate	2	—	—	1	2	1
Infant Deaths						
(Under 1 year)	12	17	9	10	21	27
Legitimate	12	16	9	9	21	25
Illegitimate	—	1	—	1	—	2
Deaths All Ages	370	316	261	262	631	578

	Aldridge — Brownhills		England and Wales	
	1972	1971	1972	1971
Live Births				
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	13.7	13.2	14.8	16.0
Still Births				
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	18.0	13.0	12.0	12.0
Infant Mortality Rates				
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	16.0	—	17.0	—
Per 1,000 legitimate live births	17.0	17.0	17.0	18.0
Per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	31.0	21.0	24.0
Neo-natal mortality rate				
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	12.0	15.0	12.0	12.0
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	10.0	13.0	10.0	10.0
Peri-natal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	28.0	25.0	22.0	22.0
Death Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	11.8	11.3	12.1	11.6

TOTAL DEATHS  
CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1972  
(Figures for 1971 in brackets)

	Male		Female	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	1	(1)	—	(—)
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	(—)	—	(1)
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc	2	(3)	2	(3)
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	3	(—)	3	(2)
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	(13)	3	(5)
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	11	(6)	25	(12)
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	(1)	—	(—)
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	25	(23)	3	(3)
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	(1)	5	(14)
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	(—)	4	(2)
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	(3)	—	(—)
Leukaemia	2	(3)	—	(6)
Other Malignant Neoplasms	21	(15)	23	(11)
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	1	(—)	1	(—)
Diabetes Mellitus	3	(3)	1	(5)
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	(—)	2	(2)
Anaemias	1	(—)	—	(2)
Mental Disorders	—	(—)	1	(—)
Meningitis	1	(—)	—	(—)
Other Diseases of Nervous System	3	(4)	4	(2)
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	4	(3)	5	(4)
Hypertensive Disease	2	(2)	3	(5)
Ischaemic Heart Disease	111	(115)	63	(57)
Other forms of Heart Disease	14	(8)	10	(23)
Cerebrovascular Disease	43	(24)	44	(30)
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	(6)	9	(7)
Influenza	1	(1)	1	(—)
Pneumonia	19	(16)	19	(25)
Bronchitis and Emphysema	33	(18)	3	(4)
Asthma	—	(—)	—	(3)
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	(1)	—	(3)
Peptic Ulcer	1	(2)	—	(3)
Appendicitis	—	(1)	—	(—)
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3	(2)	1	(1)
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	(—)	3	(—)
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	(3)	3	(3)
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	(—)	—	(2)
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	(—)	—	(—)
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	3	(2)	2	(2)
Other Complications of Pregnancy etc	—	(—)	1	(—)
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	(—)	—	(—)
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	—	(1)	3	(—)
Congenital Anomalies	7	(6)	2	(4)
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	6	(6)	2	(2)
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	(5)	2	(4)
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	1	(—)	—	(—)
Motor vehicle accidents	8	(8)	1	(2)
All other accidents	6	(7)	4	(3)
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	2	(2)	2	(2)
All other external causes	—	(1)	1	(3)
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	370	(316)	261	(262)

Deaths from Cancer numbered 141 (73 male, 68 female) compared with 126 (68 male, 58 female) in 1971  
Deaths from Ischaemic Heart Disease numbered 174 (111 male, 63 female) compared with 172 (115 male, 57 female) in 1971  
Deaths from Cancer of the lung numbered 28 (25 male, 3 female) compared with 26 (23 male, 3 female) in 1971

# CAUSES OF DEATH – CLASSIFICATION BY AGE GROUPS

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES								FEMALES								TOTAL Male & Female
	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	7	7	10	36
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	1	12	8	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	28
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	1	3	-	1	9	6	1	-	1	-	-	1	6	6	9	44
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Other Endocrine etc Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Anaemias	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mental Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	7
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	9
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	4	44	41	22	-	-	-	-	1	10	20	32	174
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	2	1	4	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	24
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	11	14	18	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	28	87
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	19
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	-	3	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	10	38
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	-	-	-	10	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	36
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	4
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5
Other complications of Pregnancy, etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	1	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
All other Accidents	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	10
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injures	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4
All other External Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL – Separate age groups	12	2	6	8	21	116	107	98	9	1	2	2	13	43	68	123	
TOTAL – All causes					370								261				631

# INFANT DEATHS

(Figures for 1971 in brackets)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
Under 1 week of age	8 (13)	— (—)	8 (13)	5 (7)	— (—)	5 (7)
Under 4 weeks of age	9 (14)	— (1)	9 (15)	7 (7)	— (1)	7 (8)
Under 1 year of age	12 (16)	— (1)	12 (17)	9 (9)	— (1)	9 (10)

The 16 deaths of children under 4 weeks of age were classified under the following causes :

	MALES	FEMALES
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	—	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	—	1
Congenital Anomalies	— (4)	1 (2)
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	6 (6)	2 (2)
Other Causes	2 (5)	2 (4)
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	1	—

## CANCER DEATHS

	MALES	FEMALES
TOTAL DEATHS	73 (68)	68 (58)
Of these, deaths due to cancer of Lung and/or Bronchus	25 (23)	3 (3)



## ATTACHMENT SCHEMES

Schemes in operation are as follows :

	District Nurses Commenced	Midwives Commenced	Health Visitors Commenced
Aldridge	1/6/69	1/6/69	2/2/70
Rushall	2/2/70	3/7/70	6/4/70
Pelsall	2/2/70	3/7/70	6/4/70
Brownhills	9/2/70	2/3/70	2/3/70
Walsall Wood	9/2/70	1/7/72	1/7/72
Shelfield	9/2/70	1/7/72	1/7/72

Arrangements are working well and there has been no need to hold meetings as in previous years. Problems which have arisen have been settled by personal approach.

At the time of writing attachment of district nurses and midwives has been arranged for the Pheasey area.

## CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

Two Cervical Cytology Clinics continue to operate weekly in the Urban District; at the Child Health Clinic, Leighswood Road, Aldridge on Monday afternoon, and at the Child Health Clinic, Pier Street, Brownhills on Friday afternoon

In addition some General Practitioners now offer this service as do the three Family Planning Clinics in the area. This no doubt accounts for the decline in the local authority figures.

	Aldridge Clinic		Brownhills Clinic	
Number of:	1972	1971	1972	1971
First tests carried out	280	418	205	250
Recalls carried out	231	180	244	152
Retests carried out	3	3	1	2
Total tests at local Authority Clinics	514	601	450	404
Tests carried out at both clinics from commencement of service to end.		1972 6093	1971 5129	

One Grade IV was discovered at Aldridge Clinic.

During the year the following smears have been taken :—

General Practitioners	319
Walsall Cytology Clinic	209
Consultant Gynaecologist	81
Family Planning Associations :—	
Aldridge	171
Brownhills	58
Pheasey	28
Walsall	252
Total	1118

All the patients reside in the district. No positive cases were discovered.

## CHIROPODY SERVICE

(Not including School Health Service)

Chiropody treatment is available for aged and physically handicapped persons and expectant mothers. Four part time chiropodists are employed to carry out this work.

Number of:—	1972	1971
Clinic treatments	2345	2442
Domiciliary treatments	1641	1596
Old age pensioners receiving treatment	952	834
Physically Handicapped Persons receiving treatment	107	84
Total Number of persons receiving treatment	1059	918
Number of persons who have received treatment since commencement of service to end	1693	

It is clear from the above figures that in 1972 1059 persons received 3986 treatments, whilst in 1971 918 persons received 4038.

It clearly reflects the growth of the service and the shortage of staff.

The waiting period has increased from 8 – 10 weeks to 13 – 14 weeks.

## FAMILY PLANNING

The Family Planning Clinics at Aldridge and Pheasey are still proving successful. There is an improvement in attendances at the Brownhills Clinic which was opened early in 1971.

Details of the present sessions are as follows:—

Child Health Centre

Leighswood Road, Aldridge	Mondays	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Pier Street, Brownhills	Tuesdays	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Beacon Road, Pheasey	Tuesdays	7.15 – 8.30 p.m.
	Thursdays	7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

The following table gives details of clients attending at the end of the year:—

	Aldridge Clinic		Brownhills Clinic		Pheasey Clinic	
	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971
Referred by:—						
Hospital	1	1	5	—	—	—
Local Authority	14	11	5	3	5	5
Patients or Friends	266	218	75	51	379	307
Family Doctor	267	230	37	14	96	84
F P A Transfer	409	355	64	34	346	312
Came of own accord	658	562	50	24	66	46
Came following press publicity	—	—	—	—	65	41
Other reasons	37	35	32	20	48	43
Total No. of patients	1652	1412	268	146	1005	838

Brownhills figures have nearly doubled but are only about 16% of the Aldridge Clinic figures. Brownhills clinic was the latest to be opened — it takes time to build up a clientele.



## HEALTH VISITING

Cases visited by Health Visitors	Number of Cases	
	1972	1971
1. Children born in 1972	1404	1691
2. Other children under 5	4856	4053
3. Total number of children in lines 1 – 2	6260	5744
4. Persons aged 65 or over	924	443
5. Number included in line 4 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	257	200
6. Mentally Disordered	31	22
7. Number included in line 6 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	16	12
8. Expectant Mothers	289	*
9. Number included in line 8 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	8	*
10. Number of tuberculosis households visited	5	58
11. Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	25	33
12. Other cases	127	243
13. Hearing Tests (No. of children tested)	1398	*
14. Phenylketonuria	12	*
15. Developmental Screening	1084	*
16. Eye testing	843	*
17. Mothercraft and Relaxation Institutional booked	129	*
Mothercraft and Relaxation Domiciliary booked	13	*
18. Number of tuberculosis households visited by tuberculosis visitors	187	395
19. Number of visits made	853	*

\*Comparison figures for 1971 are not available

The geriatric visiting has more than doubled. This is probably a result of attachment.

# HOME NURSING

Condition	Total visits made to patients		
	Aged under 5	Aged 5 – 64	Aged 65 and over
Tuberculosis		227	1
Infectious Diseases	1	28	65
General Nursing Care	4	2747	11542
Post Operative	20	1082	395
Preparation for diagnostic investigations		29	2
Gynaecological Conditions		37	201
Genito-urinary Conditions		245	168
Dressings	170	4534	8501
Observations	7	1436	3660
Injections	14	5183	6394
Other Conditions	5	881	1387
Totals	221	16429	32316

Comparison figures for 1971 are not available because of a radical alteration to the monthly return sheet.

# CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Leighswood Road, Aldridge	Tuesdays and Fridays	2-4 p.m.
Pier Street, Brownhills	Tuesdays and Fridays	2-4 p.m.
High Street, Pelsall	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 p.m.
Beacon Road, Pheasey	Mondays and Fridays	2-4 p.m.
Coalheath Lane, Shelfield	Tuesdays only	2-4 p.m.
Blackwood Road, Streetly	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 p.m.
Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall	Wednesdays only	2-4 p.m.
Social Services Centre, Beacon Way, Walsall Wood	Thursdays only	2-4 p.m.
Brownhills West Shannon Drive, Brownhills	Alternate Wednesdays	2-4 p.m.

Attendances during 1972  
(Figures for 1971 in brackets)

	No. of children under 1 year attending for first time	Attendance	
		Under 5 years	Average Attendance
Aldridge	195 (236)	3,202 (3,427)	32.02 (34.27)
Brownhills	200 (277)	4,191 (5,215)	41.91 (52.15)
Pelsall	151 (201)	3,479 (5,027)	34.79 (50.27)
Pheasey	253 (201)	5,414 (6,832)	54.14 (68.32)
Shelfield	84 (118)	1,535 (3,223)	31.98 (64.46)
Streetly	180 (228)	4,728 (5,553)	47.28 (55.53)
Rushall	74 (92)	1,496 (1,889)	29.33 (37.78)
Walsall Wood	68 (58)	1,500 (1,779)	28.84 (35.58)
Brownhills West	32	501	19.26
TOTAL 1972	1,237	26,046	35.50
TOTAL 1971	1,411	32,945	56.80

### MIDWIFERY

The district has an establishment of 13 domiciliary midwives.

Supervision is exercised by Mrs. Overend, the Area Nursing Officer and her deputy Miss Fido, who are also responsible for the control of the District Nurses and Health Visitors.

The following table summarises the work of the domiciliary midwives during the year.

#### Domiciliary confinements

	1972	1971
Doctor not booked		
Doctor present at delivery	—	—
Doctor not present at delivery	1	4
Doctor booked		
Doctor present at delivery	11	24
Doctor not present at delivery	176	242
TOTAL	188	270
Number of cases attend after discharge from hospital within —		
2 Days	91	
3 — 7 Days	1,821	
8 or more days	1,051	
TOTAL	2,963	
TOTAL (Before 10th day)		1,424

Domiciliary confinements represented 12% of total births

Three of the Council's midwives are approved as Teacher Midwives by the Central Midwives' Board.

### NURSING COMFORTS EQUIPMENT

Nursing Comforts continue to be issued by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Distribution Centres in the Urban District are as follows:—

#### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

B.R.C.S. — Blackwood Road Depot, Streetly

#### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

93 Beech Tree Road, Walsall Wood

# PREMATURITY

	1972	1971
Premature Live Births	98	112
Premature Still Births	19	14
Live Births — Hospital	89	95
Domiciliary	1	3
Still Births — Hospital	19	14
Domiciliary	—	—
Premature live births as a percentage of all live births	6.6%	7.01%

The progress of live premature births is shown in greater detail in the following table.

Weight at Birth	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS												Premature Stillbirths							
	Born at home or in a Nursing Home					Born in hospital														
	Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home					Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day														
	Died					Died														
	Total births			Within 24hrs of birth		in 1 and under 7 days		in 7 and under 28 days		Total births			Within 24 hrs of birth		in 1 and under 7 days		in 7 and under 28 days		at home or born in a nursing home	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)						
1 2lb.3oz. or less	8	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—						
2 Over 2lb.3oz. up to & incl. 3lb.4oz.	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—						
3 Over 3lb.4oz. up to & incl. 4lb.6oz	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—						
4 Over 4lb.6oz. up to & incl. 4lb.15oz.	21	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—						
5 Over 4lb.15oz. up to & incl. 5lb.8oz.	58	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—						
6 TOTAL 1972	99	5	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—						
7 TOTAL 1971	112	9	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—						

1—1,000g or less, 2—1,001-1,500g, 3—1,501-2,000g, 4—2,001- 2,250g, 5—2,250-2,500g.

# VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

	Year of Birth					Others under 16 yrs of age	TOTALS	
	1972	1971	1970	1969	65/68		1972	1971
1. Diphtheria Immunisation								
(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection singly or in combination in 1972	59	916	380	86	67	5	1513	1291
(b) No. of children who received reinforcing injections in 1972				80	1284	277	1641	1673
2. Whooping Cough Immunisation								
No. of children who received a course of primary protection singly or in combination in 1972	57	878	361	79	29	5	1409	1176
3. Tetanus Inoculation								
(a) Primary	59	917	381	90	77	17	1541	1328
(b) Reinforcing				91	1404	955	2450	2138
4. Poliomyelitis Vaccination								
(a) Primary	67	837	341	82	8	—	1335	1234
(b) Reinforcing				66	1253	808	2127	2009
5. Measles Vaccination		459	258	53	341	16	1127	1055
6. Rubella — 11years of age							576	497

## PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BORN IN 1970 AND VACCINATED BY 31/12/72

	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis
England	79%	81%	80%
Staffordshire	79%	86%	82%
Aldridge — Brownhills	84%	90%	82%

## B.C.G. VACCINATION

(The following figures are supplied by courtesy of  
Dr. John, County Medical Officer of Health)

	1972	1971
Number of T.B. Tested	1,363	1,696
Positive Reactors	15	60
Number vaccinated	1,348	1,696

# WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION

	1972	1971
National Dried Milk	2421	3230
Cod Liver Oil	81	844
Vitamin Drops (A,D and C)	2053	976
Vitamins A & D	283	1210
Vitamins A, D & C	704	—
Orange Juice	7488	27423
Sales	£1,141.39	£2741

This Authority is responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods, i.e. National Dried Milk, Children's Vitamin Drops and Vitamins A, D, & C.

In addition an approved range of proprietary foods are available.

# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## Part 1 of the Act

1	INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).				
	Particulars	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(11)	Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	291 (293)	76 (140)	7 (4)	Nil
(111)	Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL	291 (293)	76 (140)	7 (4)	Nil
2	Cases in which DEFECTS were found:				

	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	6 (—)	6 (4)	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2 (4)	— (6)	— (1)	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	— (—)	— (—)	—	—	—
TOTALS	8 (4)	6 (10)	— (1)	1 (—)	—

## PART VIII of the Act — OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Number of outworkers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c) (2)
Wearing Apparel - making etc.	9 (9)
Leather Goods	11 (15)
Metal Articles	1 (1)
Jewellery	5 (9)
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	4 (4)
TOTAL	30 (38)

## NO NOTICES OR PROSECUTIONS



# HOUSING

(a) Much of my own time is taken up by applicants claiming medical priority for re-housing. Cases seen during the year are analysed in the following table :

Classification	Transfers		New Cases		Welfare		Rejected	Total Housing Enquiries
	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed		
Physical	45	34	24	18	4	2	10	
Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	
Mental	13	12	5	6	—	—	2	
TOTAL 1972	59	47	30	25	4	2	12	134
1971	48	16	16	9	4	2	24	120

(b) The number of houses erected

	1972	1971
(a) By Local Authority	149	181
(b) By other Authority	—	25
(c) By private enterprise	306	266
	455	472

The number of houses in course of erection at the end of

	1972	1971
(a) By Local Authority	74	127
(b) By other Authority	—	41
(c) By private enterprise	407	436
	481	604

## LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at Martin Street, Stafford (Stafford 4377) and the Chemical Laboratory is at the County Buildings, Stafford (Stafford 3121)

## INCINERATOR

The gas-fired incinerator at the rear of Aldridge Clinic continues to function satisfactorily and caters for the regular disposal of soiled dressings and placentae.

## MORTUARY

The Aldridge Mortuary ceased to operate as from June, 1971. Modifications were carried out to the Brownhills Mortuary and this now serves all the district.

During the year a total of 178 bodies were received. (149 for 1971)

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The two vehicles in use are manned by part-time drivers and the voluntary helpers are provided by the W.R.V.S. under the guidance of Mrs. E. Hunt, District Organiser. During the year Mrs. Hunt retired and left the District. Her place has been taken by Mrs. J. Gelling.

Meals are obtained from factory canteens in the area. There has been a slight increase in the cost of the meals, but this has not been passed on to the recipients.

The number of meals served was as follows:—

	1972	1971
Aldridge Area	7,784	6,415
Brownhills Area	7,280	6,454
Brownhills Luncheon Club	1,477	1,378
Pelsall Luncheon Club	1,376	1,236
Blind Centre, Walsall Wood	735	630
	18,652	16,113

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE – 1972

AGE GROUP		DISEASE			
	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Meningitis	Dysentery	
Under 1	19	2	1	—	
1 year	27	—	—	2	
2 years	24	5	—	1	
3 years	25	3	1	—	
4 years	30	9	2	1	
5 – 9 years	79	24	—	1	
10 – 14 years	4	4	1	1	
15 – 24 years	5	—	—	—	
25 years and over	—	1	—	—	
TOTAL 1972	213	48	4	6	
TOTAL 1971	391	131	2	4	
	Whooping Cough	Infective Jaundice	Tuberculosis	Food Poisoning	
Under 5	—	1	—	2	
5 – 14 years	—	1	—	—	
15 – 44 years	—	13	5	—	
45 – 64 years	—	—	1	—	
65 and over	—	—	1	—	
TOTAL 1972	—	15	7	2	
TOTAL 1971	19	37	9	3	

**TUBERCULOSIS**

Numbers on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December were as follows:—

	Pulmonary			Non-pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1972	107	63	170	—	12	12
1971	126	72	198	3	13	16
Total cases: 1972 182      1971 214						

## VEHICLES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY

The specially equipped ambulance donated in 1966 by Aldridge Rotary Club and Round Table ceased its useful life at the beginning of the year. In May it was replaced by a Ford Transit Model 150 30cwt chassis converted to a Strachans Pacemaker Welfare Ambulance. The Chairman of the Council has a fund for the replacement of the ambulance and was able to give a donation towards the cost of the vehicle. A full-time driver is employed. The ambulance is used by voluntary organisations for the Physically Handicapped and to take children to the Megan de Bouisson Nursery at Walsall Wood.

A Bedford 17 seater Personnel Carrier is used by the Over 60 Clubs. A part-time lady driver is employed.

Both vehicles are made use of on a rota basis for regular events and outings (see detail programme below).

The service is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Aldridge Physically Handicapped	Tuesday afternoon weekly 3rd Tuesday evening monthly
Brownhills Physically Handicapped	Friday afternoons fortnightly 2nd Tuesday evening monthly
Day Centre for the Blind	2nd and 4th Fridays – all day
Megan de Bouisson Nursery	Daily during term-time
Pelsall Physically Handicapped	Monday Afternoons weekly Alternate Wednesday evening
Phasey Physically Handicapped	Thursday afternoon weekly 3rd Monday evening monthly
Streetly Physically Handicapped	1st Monday evening monthly 2nd Wednesday afternoon monthly
Aldridge Over 60	Thursday afternoon weekly
Brownhills Darby and Joan	Most Tuesday afternoons
Phasey Over 60	Monday afternoon weekly
Rushall Over 60	Tuesday evening weekly
Streetly Over 60	Wednesday afternoon weekly
Walsall Wood Darby and Joan	Wednesday afternoon weekly

## , WATER SUPPLY

The Engineer-in-Chief of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company (Mr. James Lamount, B.Sc., M.I.C.E.) has kindly supplied the following information:-

The supply is derived from one pumping station (Bourne Vale) within and from other sources outside the boundaries of the Authority. A proportion of water of surface origin is also supplied to parts of the district,

Regular and frequent samples, both bacteriological and chemical, are examined from the pumping stations. Bacteriological samples of the raw waters are also examined where possible.

During 1972, 50 samples of chlorinated water from Bourne Vale Pumping Station were all free from coliform bacteria and chemical results were satisfactory. Samples of the raw water are not obtainable at this station owing to the method of chlorination

Routine samples were also examined from Barr Beacon Reservoirs and from consumers' tap samples at Aldridge, Municipal Buildings, Brownhills, High Street, Clayhanger and Norton Canes.

161 samples were examined from the Barr Beacon Reservoirs, all of which were free from coliform bacteria, as were 11 samples from Brownhills, 12 from Clayhanger, 9 from Norton Canes and 15 out of 17 samples from Aldridge.

28 samples were also examined in connection with mining subsidence in the Norton Canes area and 35 in the Walsall Wood area. All 28 samples from Norton Canes were satisfactory together with 34 out of 35 from Walsall Wood.

2. In each case where supply water showed any evidence of bacteriological characteristics slightly differing from normal, repeat samples were always promptly obtained. Where traces of contamination have been detected, further sampling, followed by corrective action where necessary, has resulted in rapid restoration of entirely satisfactory results.
3. The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains at 31st December 1972 was 28,571. There are no dwellings supplied from outside standpipes in the area. The population is estimated at 3.05 persons per house.
4. The naturally occurring flouride content of the water at Aldridge was 0.05 mg/l.

The average chemical results for 1972 of the tap samples from Aldridge, Brownhills and Norton Canes:-

	Aldridge	Brownhills	Norton Canes
pH	7.4	7.6	7.8
Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	105	123	105
Chlorides (Cl)	24	30	17
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	Trace	Trace	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.12	Trace	.028
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	2.6	10.3	1.8
Oxygen Absorbed (3hr. at 27 C)	1.12	.12	.37
Temporary Hardness (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	105	123	105
Permanent Hardness (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	119	139	51
Total Hardness (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	224	262	156
Iron (Fe)	.11	.01	.04
Manganese (Mn)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lead (Pb)	.02	.01	.01

Chemical results expressed in milligrammes per litre.

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

### SCHOOL POPULATION

	1972	1971
No. of pupils on the registers of maintained schools (including Nursery Schools)	19,751	18,159

	1972	1971
Infant Departments	12	13
Infant and Junior Departments	18	16
Junior Departments	9	10
Secondary Modern Schools	2	4
Comprehensive Schools	6	5
Grammar Schools	1	1
Special Schools	2	2

### INFORMATION OBTAINED BY MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

#### Physical Condition

The physical condition of the children examined at periodic medical inspections is shown in Table 1.A. in the statistical tables at the end of this report.

	1972	1971
Uncleanliness		
Periodic cleanliness inspections of children		
No. Examined	36,176	31,547
No. found to be verminous	409	115
No. of cleansing notices issued	314	80

#### TONSILS & ADENOIDS

	1972	1971
No. of children found to be suffering from enlarged tonsils and/or adenoids and referred for examination by specialists	44	38
No. who were referred for operative treatment through arrangements made by the School Health Service	96	82
No. who required only medical treatment and/or observation	93	53

#### SKIN DISEASES

	1972	1971
No. of new cases of skin disease (dermatitis, impetigo, urticaria, ringworm etc) discovered at medical inspections and found to require treatment	5	20

#### DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

	1972	1971
No. of defective cases found at routine and special medical examinations and referred for treatment		
Vision	125	146
Squint	8	13

Ophthalmic clinics are held as follows:—

Aldridge Clinic	Dr. McCabe	One Wednesday afternoon per month
	Dr. Longmore	2nd and 4th Thursday morning each month
Pheasey Clinic	Dr. McCabe	One Wednesday afternoon per month
Shelfield Clinic	Dr. McOwan	Alternate Monday afternoons



	1972	1971
No. of appointments given during the year	999	1038
No. of children examined	655	771
No. of children who did not keep appointments	344	267
No. stated by parents to be under own optician	38	39
No. for whom spectacles were prescribed	261	318
The parents of children who did not attend the appointments and who did not appear to be doing anything about their child's vision were visited by school nurses to determine the reason for non-attendance and failure to obtain treatment. Every case was followed up until a satisfactory conclusion was reached.		

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#### VISUAL AND EXTERNAL EYE DEFECTS

	1972	1971
No. of children examined	655	771
No. of children attending for the first time	262	327
No. of re-visits	393	444
No. of children for whom spectacles were prescribed	261	318
No. of children discharged	50	66
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Analysis of major defects found among new cases :—		
Errors of refraction	1972	1971
Hypermetropia	27	21
Hypermetropic Astigmatism	23	12
Compound Hypermetropic Astigmatism	10	13
Myopia	98	57
Myopic Astigmatism	10	19
Compound Myopic Astigmatism	2	15
Mixed Astigmatism	9	13
Total	179	150
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Disease and other Abnormalities	1972	1971
Amblyopia	6	3
Anisometropia	24	39
Total	30	42
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Lids and Conjunctiva	1972	1971
Blepharitis	1	2
Epicanthus	5	7
Total	6	9
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Muscles	1972	1971
Strabismus	7	42
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Retina	1972	1971
Optic Atrophy	1	2
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Referrals to Hospital	1972	1971
Referrals to Hospital for Squint	16	35
Referrals to Hospital other than Squint	32	6
Operative treatment (from discharge slips)	5	8

Vision Survey	1972	1971
The vision testing nurse, who comes to the Aldridge—Brownhills district once a year, tested the children in the 7year age group		
No. of children examined	1893	1801
No. of children found to have defective vision	533	219
No. of children under their own optician	37	108
All of the newly found cases offered appointments at the ophthalmic clinic, except those who preferred to make their own arrangements.		

#### ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical inspections prior to admission to Training Colleges	1972	1971
Number of pupils who had a special medical examination before admission to colleges for training for the teaching profession, as required by the Department of Education and Science		
	123	75
Number of pupils declared fit for admission to a training college	122	75
Number of pupils declared unfit for admission to a training college	1	—
Number of medical examinations, which included a chest X-ray, as required by the Department of Education and Science, which were carried out on new entrants to the teaching profession within the Excepted District. All were found to be fit.		
	8	13
Children attending school camps:		
Number of children who filled in medical questionnaire forms regarding their fitness to attend organised school camps		
	74	66
Employment Licences for School Children:		
Number of children who filled in medical questionnaires regarding their fitness to undertake part-time employment. All were found fit and were issued with employment licences by the Education Department.		
	140	124
Education Department Employees:		
Number of questionnaires which were completed by prospective employees in the Education Department		
	227	218
Number who had full examinations carried out and were found fit for employment		
	37	41
Number sent for X-ray and found to be satisfactory		
	104	78
Number of members of the school meals service kitchen staff who were X-rayed at the Chest Clinic under the scheme whereby each applicant for a post in this service must be declared free from pulmonary infection radiographically before being appointed. All were examined by a medical officer to ensure freedom from infection		
	145	137



## PHYSIOTHERAPY

Mrs. M. J. Belt, physiotherapist to the Aldridge/Brownhills district provided treatment at the clinics shown below:—

Brownhills Clinic, Pier Street, Brownhills	Each Friday	9.30 — 12.00noon
Aldridge Clinic, Leighswood Road, Aldridge	Each Thursday	9.30 — 12.00noon
Streetly Clinic, Blackwood Road, Streetly	Alternate	9.30 — 12.00noon
Pheasey Clinic, Beacon Road, Great Barr	Tuesdays	

Attendances during the period were as follows:—

	Brownhills		Aldridge		Streetly		Pheasey	
	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971
Children having breathing exercises	15	11	88	46	29	2	3	5
Children having remedial exercises	78	64	45	28	79	74	73	41
Total Attendances	212	146	259	209	151	84	107	80

## SPEECH THERAPY

The present Speech Therapist Mrs. A. Byrom commenced employment 1st December, 1972 and took over from Mrs. S. Anderson who resigned 31st July 1972.

				1972	1971
No. of children treated during the year				162	406
Sessions were held at the following clinics :—				Children seen	
				1972	1971
Aldridge	1 session Thursday	2.00 — 4.30		30	135
Brownhills	1 session alternate				
	Monday mornings	9.00 — 12.00 noon		58	126
	1 session Monday	2.00 — 4.30			126
Pelsall	1 session Tuesday	2.00 — 4.30		40	54
Shelfield	1 session Friday	9.00 — 12.00 noon		24	74
Special School	1 session Wednesday	2.00 — 4.30		10	17

## CHIROPODY SERVICE

Foot inspections were carried out at all schools by the School Chiropodist. Those requiring further treatment were referred to the School clinics.

## CHILD GUIDANCE

	1972	1971
No. of children referred to Child Guidance Clinic	50	39
No. waiting for appointment	22	18

### MINOR AILMENT CLINIC

During the year the minor ailment clinics in the district operated as follows:-

Aldridge Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 2nd Wednesday in month)
Brownhills Clinic	Monday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Pelsall Clinic	Monday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 2nd Monday in month)
Pheasey Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 1st Wednesday in month)
Shelfield Clinic	Thursday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 1st Thursday in month)
Streetly Clinic	Friday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 1st Friday in month)
Walsall Wood Clinic	Thursday	9.30 – 12.00 a.m. (Dr. attends 3rd Thursday in month)

The cases dealt with are included in Table III. During the period the number of attendances at the various minor ailment clinics was 3,574 (3,558 in 1971).

### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Statistics regarding children inspected and treated during the year are given in Table.IV

### INSPECTION OF SCHOOL PREMISES

Inspections of school premises are carried out by the departmental medical officers when visiting schools for the medical inspection of pupils. For the convenience of the medical and teaching staffs these are usually carried out on the last day of the visit.

	1972	1971
No. of inspections made during the year	50	39
Total No. of defects found	17	8
No. of schools in which defects were found	13	5
No. of defects received attention during the year	12	12

This information was passed to the Divisional Education Officer for appropriate action

Inspections of school premises are carried out under the standards for school premises regulations 1959, which lay down standards for accommodation, washing facilities, toilets, water supply (hot and cold), lighting, ventilation, temperature, conditions of playgrounds, cleanliness etc.

### ENURESIS ALARMS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

		Boys	Girls
Number of alarms in use at 31st December, 1972	24 (21)	18 (16)	6 (5)
Waiting list	Nil	– (–)	– (–)
No. of children cured during the year		22 (16)	9 (10)
No. of children improved during year		6 (–)	3 (–)
No. of children relapsed after treatment but much improved		1 (1)	– (1)

It is routine procedure to follow up cases twelve months after the trial period with an alarm ended. The criterion of cure is twelve months free from relapse

### HEARING TEST SURVEY

All infant departments (5-7 years old) were visited by the Audiometrician and children in the 6 plus age group tested. The results of the survey are shown below.

Survey Results	1972	1971
Examined	747	2882
Showing some hearing loss	124	438
Percentage showing some hearing loss	16.51%	15.49%

#### Follow up

550 children were referred for treatment and specialist opinion as shown below:-

	1972	1971
No. referred	550	214
Re-exam by Specialist after 3-6 months	52	5
Further hearing test after 12 months	6	43
T's and A's Operation	81	54
Other treatment	32	24
General Medical Supervision	28	16
Already under Specialist	22	9
No Action	178	63

Peripatetic Teaching Service for hearing impaired children under supervision at 31st December 1972.

	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971
Years	0 - 1		1 - 2		2 - 3		3 - 4		4 - 5		Over 5		Total	
Boys				1	1						15	16	16	17
Girls			1							1	9	7	10	8
Totals			1	1	1					1	24	23	26	25

During 1972, and not including on the list for those under supervision at 31st December, 8 boys and 3 girls were taken off the list for supervision for various reasons e.g. left school, hearing improved following treatment, or left district etc.

3 children were issued with a hearing aid during the year.

### HOME TUITION

	1972	1971
No. who received Home tuition	8	16
No. discharged at end of year	4	8
No. still being taught at home	4	8

## FOOT INSPECTIONS

76 half day sessions were devoted to foot inspections during this year.

FOOT INSPECTIONS	TYPE OF SCHOOL				Total in all schools	
	Infant	Junior	Senior	Special	1972	1971
No. of children with unsatisfactory footwear	29 (94)	46 (267)	62 (117)	63 (21)	200	499
No. of children with satisfactory footwear	5567 (4130)	7158 (7883)	3562 (3340)	153 (200)	16,440	15,553
Total No. of children seen by School Nurse	5596 (4224)	7204 (8150)	3624 (3457)	216 (221)	16,640	16,052
No. with unclean feet	58 (88)	272 (230)	64 (91)	24 (16)	418	425
No. with unsatisfactory socks	7 (30)	18 (129)	36 (22)	8 (10)	69	191
Foot Deformities	2 (26)	14 (76)	3 (16)	— (3)	19	121
No. of children with corns	66 (13)	62 (64)	40 (31)	— (5)	168	113
No. with foot infections	67 (76)	165 (285)	191 (207)	6 (3)	429	571

Medical Inspection of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools  
(including Special Schools)

TABLE I

### PART A – PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age groups inspected (By year of Birth) (1)	Number of pupils inspected (2)	Physical condition of pupils inspected	
		Satisfactory (3)	Unsatisfactory (4)
1968 and later	3	3	—
1967	331	331	—
1966	1,304	1,304	—
1965	60	57	3
1964	18	18	—
1963	8	7	1
1962	7	7	—
1961	9	9	—
1960	6	6	—
1959	6	6	—
1958	8	8	—
1957 and earlier	462	462	—
TOTAL (see table C for re-inspections)	2,222	2,218	4
1971 (inc. re-inspec.)	7,190	7,187	3

Column 3 Total as a percentage of Column 2 – 99.82%

Column 4 Total as a percentage of Column 2 – .18%

**PART B – PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS**

(Excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age groups inspected (By year of birth)	For defective vision (Excl'g squint)	For any other conditions recorded on Table II	Total individual pupils
1968 and later	—	1	1
1967	25	69	94
1966	60	364	424
1965	10	26	36
1964	5	14	19
1963	3	11	14
1962	3	4	7
1961	7	10	17
1960	21	11	32
1959	17	7	24
1958	13	13	26
1957 and earlier	129	117	246
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>940</b>
(1971)	444	805	1,220

**PART C – OTHER INSPECTIONS**

Number of Special Inspections	16
Number of Re- Inspections	4,324

**PART D – INFESTATION WITH VERMIN**

	1972	1971
Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses, or other authorised persons.	36,176	31,547
Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	409	115
Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act 1944)	314	80
Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3) Education Act 1944)	30	—

**AUDIOLOGY**

During 1972 an audiometer was purchased and two School Clinic Nurses trained in its use at Birmingham

Number of clinics held	5
Number of attendances made by school children	65

Intermediate examinations were held at Brownhills Comprehensive School to establish whether the number of defects found would justify a resumption of this type of examination, 182 children were examined

#### Defects found

Defect or Disease	Newly referred for treatment	Already under treatment	Observation only
Skin	4	8	7
Vision	1	22	—
Squint	1	5	—
Hearing	2	—	1
Otitis Media	—	2	—
Nose and Throat	1	1	4
Lymphatic Glands	—	—	2
Heart	—	4	—
Lungs	—	9	2
Posture	—	—	4
Feet	1	—	—
Epilepsy	—	2	—
Psycho Development	—	—	—
Stability	2	—	—
Abdomen	—	—	3
Total	12	53	23

For comparison see results in Brownhills Primary Schools in the table below:  
181 children were examined.

Defect or Disease	Newly referred for treatment	Already under treatment	Observation only
Skin	1	2	3
Vision	3	—	8
Squint	2	3	1
Other	—	—	2
Hearing	1	—	2
Otitis Media	1	1	1
Other	1	—	1
Nose and Throat	6	6	21
Speech	—	—	3
Lymphatic Glands	—	—	2
Heart	—	2	5
Lungs	—	6	8
Hernia	1	—	—
Other	—	—	3
Posture	1	—	1
Feet	3	—	4
Other	2	—	2
Epilepsy	—	—	—
Psycho Development	—	1	8
Stability	2	—	2
Abdomen	—	—	—
Other	4	1	1
Total	28	22	78

It seems that the intermediate examination is worthwhile despite the comparatively small number of defects found, because important defects will otherwise have been missed.



TABLE II

Return of defects found by Medical Inspections during 1972. (Cases already under treatment included)

## Part A - PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

DEFECT OR DISEASE	ENTRANTS		OTHERS		LEAVERS		TOTAL	
	Requiring Treatment 1972 1971	Requiring Observation 1972 1971	Requiring Treatment 1972 1971	Requiring Observation 1972 1971	Requiring Treatment 1972 1971	Requiring Observation 1972 1971	Requiring Treatment 1972 1971	Requiring Observation 1972 1971
Skin	54 65	25 37	7 3	1 1	22 68	2 19	83 136	28 57
EYES (a) Vision	85 123	109 78	79 78	10 21	131 278	8 45	295 479	127 144
(b) Squint	34 58	6 2	6 10	1 1	10 18	2 20	50 86	9 23
(c) Other	12 5	6 -	2 1	- 1	1 1	6 23	15 7	12 24
EARS (a) Hearing	27 25	19 31	8 11	3 7	4 10	3 16	39 46	24 54
(b) Otitis Media (R)	20 6	41 25	- 4	- 15	4 4	- 3	24 14	41 43
(c) Otitis Media (L)	7 2	24 21	- -	1 8	1 2	1 2	8 4	26 31
(d) Others	5 7	1 4	1 2	- 1	2 6	- -	8 15	1 5
Nose and Throat	84 64	279 382	16 36	20 76	24 22	15 87	124 122	314 545
Speech	20 20	19 30	7 2	- 4	1 -	- 3	28 22	19 37
Lymphatic Glands	1 -	15 27	1 -	2 4	- 1	- 3	2 1	17 34
Heart	11 5	22 22	2 1	1 7	1 4	4 10	14 10	27 39
Lungs	35 26	64 100	- 8	6 30	4 16	2 31	39 50	72 161
DEVELOPMENT (a) Hernia	4 15	6 13	2 1	2 1	- -	- -	6 16	8 14
(b) Other	- 4	39 40	10 4	6 8	- 3	1 3	10 11	46 51
ORTHOPAEDIC (a) Posture	12 5	5 12	2 1	- 5	1 5	3 13	15 11	8 30
(b) Feet	17 27	19 41	3 10	12 11	19 21	4 32	39 58	35 84
(c) Other	9 8	22 41	1 1	3 3	7 12	4 17	17 21	29 61
NERVOUS SYSTEM (a) Epilepsy	2 1	- 1	4 1	1 1	1 3	1 -	7 5	2 2
(b) Other	7 2	2 2	8 6	- -	1 7	1 1	16 15	3 3
PSYCHOLOGICAL (a) Development	2 1	15 12	- 4	2 11	- 1	- 17	2 6	17 40
(b) Stability	14 25	96 154	6 6	11 43	2 2	4 40	22 33	111 237
ABDOMEN	14 10	7 5	1 5	- 2	1 10	- 6	16 25	7 13
OTHER	47 17	48 16	9 5	9 6	9 20	4 35	65 42	61 57

TABLE III

Treatment of pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools  
(Including Nursery Schools)

PART A – Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with	
	1972	1971
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	45	56
Errors of refraction (including Squint)	194	185
Total	239	241

PART B – Diseases and defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

Received operative treatment		
Diseases of the Ear	7	13
Adenoids and chronic tonsilitis	50	62
Other Nose and Throat conditions	5	8
Received other forms of treatment	14	53
Total	76	136

Total number of pupils known to have been provided with hearing aids

During 1972 3

Previous years 6

PART C – Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Pupils treated at school or physiotherapist clinics for postural defects	47
Pupils treated at school clinics or outpatient department	—

PART D – Diseases of the Skin (excluding uncleanness for which see see part D of Table I

Ringworm (a) Scalp	1	—
(b) Body	—	—
Scabies	2	17
Impetigo	2	2
Other Skin Diseases	1,855	1,931
Total	1,860	1,950

PART E – Child Guidance Treatment

Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	50	47
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PART F – Speech Therapy

Pupils treated at Speech Therapist	114	406
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PART G – Other treatment given

PUPILS – with minor ailments	652	604
– who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	3	—
Total	655	604



TABLE IV

Dental Inspections and Treatment carried out by the Authority during 1972.

The Dental Officers devoted 973 sessions to treatment and 28 sessions to inspections

INSPECTIONS	PUPILS	
	1972	1971
(a) First inspections at school	3,153	2,764
(b) First inspection at clinic	2,297	2,040
(c) Number found to require treatment	4,782	3,704
(d) Number offered treatment	4,403	2,582
(e) Re-inspections at school clinic	306	246
(f) Number of these found to require treatment	254	214
Attendances and Treatment		
First visit	2,250	2,041
Subsequent visit	3,150	2,713
Total visits	5,400	4,754
Additional courses of treatment	147	55
Fillings in permanent teeth	3,729	3,994
Fillings in deciduous teeth	1,876	976
Permanent teeth filled	3,473	3,378
Deciduous teeth filled	1,699	902
Permanent teeth extracted	691	909
Deciduous teeth extracted	2,605	2,153
General anaesthetics	973	930
Emergencies	433	364
Number of pupils X-rayed	145	200
Prophylaxis	271	220
Teeth otherwise conserved	345	403
Number of teeth root filled	6	14
Inlays	1	1
Crowns	19	31
Course of treatment completed	1,850	1,183
ORTHODONTICS		
New cases commenced during the year	19	25
Cases completed during the year	15	29
Cases discontinued during the year	3	10
Number of removable appliances fitted	22	22
Number of fixed appliances fitted	1	16
Number of pupils referred to hospital consultants	3	13

TABLE V

1. NUMBER OF SCHOOL CLINICS (i.e. premises at which clinics are held for school children) provided by the Local Education Authority for the medical and dental examination and treatment of pupils attending maintained primary and secondary schools.

Number of school clinics as at 31st December, 1972      7

2. TYPE OF EXAMINATION AND/OR TREATMENT provided at the School Clinics.

Examination and/or treatment	Number of premises available as at 31st December	
	1972	1971
A. Minor ailment	7	7
B. Asthma	—	—
C. Audiology	—	—
D. Audiometry	3	—
E. Chiropody	7	7
F. Ear, Nose and Throat	1	2
G. Enuretic	—	—
H. Ophthalmic	3	3
I. Orthoptic	—	—
J. Orthopaedic	—	—
K. Paediatric	—	—
L. Physiotherapy and remedial exercises	4	4
M. Speech Therapy	4	4
N. School Medical Officer's special examination	7	7
O. Others (specify);— Vaccination & Immunisation	7	7

TABLE VI  
RETURN OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1972. (Figs in brackets year ending 31st December 1971)	Blind (1)	P.S. (2)	Deaf (3)	Pt. Hg. (4)	P.H. (5)	Del. (6)	Mal. (7)	E.S.N. (8)	Epil. (9)	Sp. Deaf (10)	TOTAL (11)
How many handicapped children were newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes	B (1)	(1)			1 (2)			12 (6)			14 (10)
	G (1)	(2)			1 (1)			9 (17)			10 (21)
(1) of those included	B (1)	(1)			1 (1)			5 (3)			6 (6)
at above					1			3 (4)			4 (4)
(2) of those assessed	B				(1)	(1)	1	4 (5)			5 (7)
prior to January 1972	G	1			1			7 (4)			9 (4)
(3) TOTAL newly placed	B (1)	(1)			1 (2)	(1)	1	9 (8)			11 (13)
	G	1			2			10 (8)			13 (8)

TABLE VII  
HAN'DICAPPED PUPILS AWAITING PLACEMENT (1-5) AND RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL TREATMENT (6-12)

Children from the authority's area as at 25th January 1973 (Figs. in brackets - as at 20th January 1972)		Blind (1) B G	P.S. (2) B G	Deaf (3) B G	Pu.Hg. (4) B G	P.H. (5) B G	Del. (6) B G	Mal. (7) B G	E.S.N. (8) B G	Epil. (9) B G	Sp.Def. (10) B G	TOTAL (11) B G
Awaiting places in special schools												
Under 5 years of age	1. waiting before 1st January 1972											
	2. Newly assessed since 1st January 1972	1	(1)						(2)			(2) (1) 1
Aged 5 years and over	3. waiting before 1st January 1972								(3)			(3)
	4. Newly assessed since 1st January 1972		(1)			(1) (1)			5 3 (5) (9)			5 3 (6)(11) (2) (1)
5. Total number of children awaiting admission to special schools. 1 to 4 above									5 3 (2) (9)			5 3 (12)(10) 1
		1 (1)	(2)					(2)				(2) (3)

Table VII contd		Blind (1) B G	P.S. (2) B G	Deaf (3) B G	Pt.Hg. (4) B G	P.H. (5) B G	Del. (6) B G	Mel. (7) B G	E.S.N. (8) B G	Epil. (9) B G	Sp.Def (10) B G	TOTAL (11) B G
6. Maintained special schools including attached units and hospital Special Schools	Day	1	3 2 (3) (1)	1 1	3 1	13 4			58 48 (43)(39)			78 57 (54)(45)
	Res.			(1) (2)	2 1	2 2	(1)	9 1 5 1 (9) (2) (4)				18 5 (20) (6)
7. Non-maintained Special Schools including attached units and hospital Special Schools	Day											
	Res.	2 1 (2) (2)				(2) (1) 1 1 (1)		1 (1)				(2) (1) 3 3 (3) (3)
8. Independent Schools under arrangements made by the Authority.	Day Res.											
9. Special classes in ordinary schools (assume all day)				(1)								(1)
10. Boarded in homes and not already included above.												
11. Educated under arrangements made by the Authority in accordance with Section 56 of the Education Act 1944 in hosp other at home												
12. Total number of handicapped children awaiting places in special schools: receiving education in special schools: independent schools: special classes and units: under Section 56 of the Education act 1944: and boarded in homes												
		3 2 (2) (4)	3 2 (3) (5)	1 1 (1) (2)	5 2 (3) (1)	17 9 (16)(12)			10 2 68 52 (15) X3X72(58)			107 70 (99)(72)

## HEALTH EDUCATION

The following report is based upon information submitted by the Health Education Officer.

A Health Education Officer was appointed on the 1st December 1971. The activities of the new Health Education Section followed the lines developed by the County Health Education Section. The main effort is directed to involving the Schools, and therefore the School Staffs, in programmes of Health Education begun at the Primary School fourth year level and continued at the Secondary school level at an age thought most desirable by the schools staff. This is usually the third or fourth year.

Accordingly in 1972, programmes were undertaken in twenty-two primary and six secondary schools. This involved 57 groups of pupils in 287 sessions. A total of 1880 pupils participated in a very effective form of Health Education, i.e. face to face discussion at an impressionable age of those medical and social problems which are of the greatest concern to the developing citizens and parents of tomorrow. Personal and Public Hygiene, Diet, Dental Care, Alcohol, Tobacco smoking, Drugs, Accident prevention, Pubertal development, Personal Relationships, V.D., Family Planning, Parental Responsibilities etc.

In the Infant Welfare Clinics the staff were assisted on 23 occasions with ante-natal parentcraft and slimming club educational work. About 300 adults were involved, being pregnant women, expectant fathers or just overweight.

Other Health Educational sessions involved groups of Cub-Scouts, youths, members of professional bodies, Parent Teachers Associations and groups of senior pupils. About 350 people attended discussion groups, film shows, or talks on subjects ranging from "Health Education" to "Sex in Society" through "Accident Prevention", "Childbirth", "Smoking", and "Dental Care"

A quantity of posters and leaflets were issued from the department mainly concerned with cigarette smoking.

To: The Chairman and Members, Aldridge-Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the work of the Department for the year ending 31st December, 1972.

A major change which took place this year was in the decision to require this Department to undertake responsibility for operating the Improvement Grants scheme. This function was transferred during the year from the Engineer and Surveyor's Dept., and immediately became an important and time consuming task. It is, however, in line with current trends for the emphasis in all housing matters to move from Slum Clearance to the Improvement of Dwellings. On the same theme a start was made on the first General Improvement Area to be declared by the Authority and this further reflects that change of emphasis.

On the matter of slum clearance, it is now very apparent that so far as the District is concerned there is no real problem remaining. Only small clearance areas remain to be dealt with.

The Smoke Control Programme continues without hindrance and the details are extended in the body of the report.

The major change in legislation was the placing on the Statute Book of The Poisonous Wastes Act, 1972. As the members are well aware, due to the unique disposal facilities available in this district the result of this Act was to cause tremendous quantities of waste to be directed to this Authority from all over the Midlands any many places much further afield. The amount of administrative work and clerical duties entailed on this task was suddenly imposed and it is to the credit of the staff involved that this work was undertaken so satisfactorily.

Food Hygiene and other routine functions continued to be undertaken with little change from the levels of previous years. This indicates that the standard of hygiene remains fairly constant.

One further change to note occurred owing to the transfer of gulley emptying and road sweeping functions to this Department. This has enabled an overall cleansing service to be administered from within one department rather than to have two separate administrations of cleansing functions.

A work study scheme was introduced on the road sweeping section and has worked satisfactorily since its inception. The opportunity was also taken to reorganise the methods of cleansing of the Public sanitary conveniences. This task is now undertaken by a mobile team operating from a fully equipped van. It is satisfactory to be able to report that the state of cleansing is good but the vandalism which occurs is, if anything increasing and this of course is a major problem.

I would like to thank the Members of the Committee together with all the members of the staff who have assisted me unfailingly throughout the year.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. Perkins

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year	1972	1971
1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	63	63
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1615	1531
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	37	34
3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	26	29
4. Houses on which undertakings were given and completed	Nil	Nil
Houses on which undertakings were given and not completed	Nil	Nil
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice		
Number of dwellingshouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	16	43
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year		
1. Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957		
(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1	Nil
(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice		
(i) By owners	Nil	Nil
(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil	Nil
2. Proceedings under Public Health Act		
(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	26	29
(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
(i) By owners	10	7
(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil	Nil
3. Proceedings under Sections 17, 23 and 42 of the Housing Act 1957		
(a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1	2
(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1	2
(c) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders	40	111
(d) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	Nil	1
(e) Houses demolished on land acquired in pursuance of Compulsory Purchase Orders	48	36

## SITUATION OF PROPERTIES DEALT WITH

### CLEARANCE AREAS REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE

Aldridge/Brownhills (Station Road, Pelsall) Clearance Area Number 78

1,3,5,7 and 9 Station Road, Pelsall.

Aldridge/Brownhills (Green Lane, Shelfield) Clearance Area Number 79

2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20 and 22 Green Lane, Shelfield

Aldridge/Brownhills (Green Lane, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area Number 80

18, 20 and 22 Green Lane, Walsall Wood

Aldridge/Brownhills (High Street, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 81

218,220,222,224,226,228 and 230 High Street, Brownhills

Aldridge/Brownhills (Lichfield Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 82

76 and 78 Lichfield Road, Brownhills

Aldridge/Brownhills (Birmingham Road, Aldridge) Clearance Area Number 83

28,30,32 and 34 Birmingham Road, Aldridge

### HOUSES DEMOLISHED

Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders

43 Paul's Coppice, 82 Commonside, Brownhills

77,79 and 81 Norton Road, Pelsall

130,132 and 134 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood

30 –46 (even) Watling Street, Newtown

38 – 48 Vicarage Road, Brownhills

17 – 27 Vigo Road, Walsall Wood

64 and 66 Lichfield Road, Brownhills

30 – 36 Vicarage Road, Brownhills

44 – 48 Whetstone Lane, Aldridge

31 and 32 Church Road, Pelsall

### INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS

170 Salters Road, Walsall Wood

### ACQUIRED PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES

90 Wood Lane, Pelsall

14 Wood Lane, Pelsall

100 and 102 Co-operative Store, Lichfield Road, Shelfield

103 – 125 (exclusive of 115) Leighswood Row, Aldridge

23 and 25 New Street, Shelfield

147 – 161 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

178 High Street, Brownhills

93,95,97,99 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

2 – 12 Paddock Lane, Aldridge

Clayhanger Farm and Outbuildings, Church Street, Clayhanger

104 Watling Street, Brownhills

34 and 36 High Street, Walsall Wood

4 Little Common Pelsall

17 Chapel Street, Pelsall

80,82 and 84 Lindon Road, Brownhills

103 and 105 Brookland Road, Walsall Wood

35 – 41 Warren Place, Brownhills

31 and 33 New Street, Shelfield

57,61 High Street, Walsall Wood

Shop and bakehouse, High Street, Pelsall

The figures this year show the signs that the Authorities' Unfit Housing problem is being overcome. The efforts over the past few years have greatly reduced the number of unfit houses and efforts this year have been to round off the work and deal with a large part of the outstanding properties. The remaining properties to be dealt with are scattered over the district in small isolated groups. It is hoped these properties will be dealt with this year ready for the amalgamation with Walsall.

## HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In June, 1972 the Department became responsible for administration of the Improvement Grant Scheme for houses in the private sector. The transfer duties from the Architects Department was completed satisfactorily despite the short period of time allowed for the operation and work is now progressing smoothly. The work was absorbed by the four existing district Public Health Inspectors who are each responsible, within their own area, for the inspection of houses upon receipt of the application, the vetting of schemes of improvement and repair, the scrutinising of estimates, assessment of grant payable, the checking of works during construction and the authorization of payment upon the satisfactory completion of the works. Because of this distribution of the duties, the applications are processed quickly and efficiently enabling and encouraging owners to improve their properties with the minimum of delay.

The scheme provides for two basic grants, one the Standard Grant which can be claimed as a right, providing the house complies with certain minimum standards, for the installation of the standard amenities and the other, the Improvement Grant which enables a house to be brought up to the minimum twelve point standard as laid down in the Parker-Morris report. The Improvement Grant is also available for the conversion of large single family houses into self-contained flats, but unlike the Standard Grant it is paid solely at the discretion of the local authority.

Since taking over the scheme 170 applications for Improvement Grants have been received and a total of £44,536.78 approved for works of improvement and repair. By comparison only, three standard grant applications have been received which seems to indicate that house owners appreciate that it is far better to improve their house as a whole and not merely to install standard amenities. This is an attitude of mind that the department is happy to encourage as every house that is improved is one that is less likely to have to be dealt with in the future by slum clearance action.

Pelsall No. 1 General Improvement Area was also declared during the year. The area consists of 230 houses and it is intended to provide various environmental improvements such as off street parking, improved street lighting, pedestrianised areas and one-way traffic systems whilst encouraging owners to comprehensively improve their own property. It is hoped that all the environmental improvements will be completed in the next year which should be an added encouragement to persuade owners to improve their homes.

## FOOD HYGIENE

The routine inspection of food shops, public houses, food manufacturers, school canteens, factory and works canteens has been carried out during the year as a matter of routine.

This year, as with each year, the storage and collection of trade refuse has been a continual problem. The problem appears to be increasing due to the bulk of modern day packaging.

At the beginning of September, 1972 an open market was officially opened in Brownhills. This caused the department some concern, again with refuse and in addition the lack of sanitary accommodation, hand washing facilities on food stalls and some food being open to the risk of contamination. Over the months most of these problems have been solved.

There has been a trend towards the open dating by manufacturers of certain foods and by the management of some shops on a strictly voluntary basis. This is welcomed action as it encourages the strict rotation of perishable food stuffs and prevents display units from being overfilled, and thus allowing the display units to function efficiently.

The number of food complaints has increased marginally but the number of resulting prosecutions has decreased. This follows the national trend and appears to be due to the public being more aware of the departments role and the fact that the majority of complaints are of less serious nature and legal proceedings are unjustifiable.

### FOOD COMPLAINTS

Article	Condition	Manufacturer	Retailer	Result of case
Milk bottle	Dirty		Woolner's	£20 fine £5 costs
Tinned Luncheon Meat	Foreign Body	S. Daniels (Importers)	Wrensons	£ not known
Meat and Potatoe Pie	Mouldy	Fleur-de-Lys	Howes High Street Walsall Wood	£10

### FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

#### Food Premises

#### Inspection and Supervision of:

	1972	1971
Number of food shops and food preparation rooms inspected	1090	969
Number of contraventions found	559	780
Number of notices served	64	143
Number of improvements	362	457
Number of notices completed	118	92
Inspections made re: Unsound food	87	188

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Aldridge and Brownhills U.D.

Details of samples procured during 1972

No. of samples taken	242
No. of samples genuine	234
No. of samples adulterated	8
Almond Flakes	Curry Powder
Almond Marzipan	Curry Sauce Mix
Apple and Raspberry Jam	
	Dairy Fudge
Beefburgers containing preservatives	Dessicated Coconut
Beef flavoured quavers	Diddle Dumpling Mix
Beef Suet	Dried Celery
Beef and Tomato Soup	Dried Instant Orange Drink (2)
Bramble seedless Jam	Dry Ginger Ale – non-alcoholic
Brandy (2)	Dunlop Cheese
Braised Kidney in gravy	
Brawn (2)	English Refined Lard
Breadcrumbs	Extra Strong Mints
Breakfast cereal with fruit and nuts	
Bright red food colour	Farmhouse Paté
Brisket	Finest Selected Dates
Brussel Sprouts	Fish Fingers
Butter	Fruit flavoured Honeycombe sweets
Butter Osborne Biscuits	Fruit Salad in syrup
Butter Sponge with lemon flavoured filling	Full Cream Evaporated Milk
Ceylon Tea	Garden Peas
Chamby Chocolat	Grape Juice
Cheddar Cheese Biscuits	
Cheddar Cheese with Beer	Hake in Breadcrumbs
Cheese cake	Ham, Beef and Tomato Paste
Cheese Savours	Hazelnut Flavour Topping
Cheese Spread (2)	Honey
Cheese Spread with Ham	Honey Roast Virginia Ham
Cheshire Cheese	Hot Pepper Sauce
Chicken, Celery and Rice Soup	
Chicken Curry with Rice	Ice Cream Powder – Strawberry
Chicken Noodle Soup	Instant Coffee
Chocolate Mousse	Instant Flavour
Coffee flavoured mallows	Instant Low Fat Milk Skimmed
Cooking Fat	Irish Cheddar Cheese
Cooking Oil	
Corned Beef (3)'	Jaffa Grapefruit Juice
Crab Paste	Jam Swiss Roll
Cranberry Sauce	
Crumbly Lancashire Cheese	King Corn Pops
Currants	



Lactic Cheese Spread  
 Lard (6)  
 Leicester Red Cheese Barbecue  
 Lemon Barley Water  
 Lemon Creamed Desert with Pears  
 Lemon Flavour Mousse Desert Mix  
 Lemon Puff Biscuits  
 Lemon Lime Crush  
 Lime Flavoured Cordial  
 Low Calorie Lemon Drink  
 Low Calorie Sweetner  
 Low Fat Fruit Yogurt  
 Low Fat Spread  
 Luncheon Meat  
  
 Macaroni  
 Macaroni Cheese  
 Mackeral in Tomato Sauce  
 Malt Vinegar  
 Malt Vinegar with caramel  
 Margarine (6)  
 Marshmallows  
 Marzipan (3)  
 Mayonnaise  
 Milk Chocolate  
 Milk U.H.T.  
 Minced Beef  
 Mixed Fruit  
 Mushroom Soup  
 Mussels in Vinegar  
  
 New Dairy Custard  
 New Zealand Butter  
  
 Orange Crush  
 Orange Juice  
 Oxtail Soup  
  
 Peaches in Syrup  
 Peanut Biscuits  
 Pear Desert  
 Pearl Barley  
 Peas  
 Peeled Tomatoes  
 Pickled Beets cont. preservative  
 Pickled Beetroots (2)  
 Pickled Onions  
 Plain Chocolate Homewheat Biscuits  
 Plum Jam  
 Polony  
 Pork Brawn  
 Pork Luncheon Meat  
 Pork Sausages

Pork Sausage cont. preservative (18)  
 Potato Croquettes  
 Potato Fritters  
 Prawn Curry  
 Pressed Pork  
 Prunes in Syrup  
 Prunes in Heavy Syrup  
  
 Raisin Bran  
 Raspberry Flavoured Redi Sweet  
 Ready Fresh Dough  
 Rice  
 Rum Cakes with fruit  
 Rye Crispbread (2)  
 Raspberry Jam Sponge Pudding  
 Ravioli with meat and tomato sauce  
  
 Salted Roasted Peanuts  
 Sardines in Olive Oil  
 Sausage Rolls Frozen uncooked  
 Scotch Cheddar  
 Scotch Raspberries in heavy syrup  
 Spirits various (14)  
 Seedless Raisins  
 Shredded Beef Suet (2)  
 Sild in tomato sauce  
 Soft Margarine (3)  
 Smoked med. fat processed chesse with ham  
 Shandy  
 Spicy Sauce  
 Starch Reduced Cheese Crispbread  
 Starch Reduced Digestive Biscuits  
 Sterilised Half Cream  
 Steak Mince  
 Stewed Apple  
 Stewed Steak in gravy  
 Suet Dumpling Mixture  
 Sugar  
 Sugar Strands  
 Sweet Pineapple Sauce  
 Swiss Milk Chocolate with crushed Almonds  
  
 Tarragon Vinegar  
 Tea (7)  
 Toasted Egg Rusks  
 Tomato Sauce  
 Turkey and Ham Loaf  
 Twiglets  
  
 Unsweetened Orange Juice  
  
 Welsh Rarebit Cheese Spread  
 Whole Carrots

## Particulars of Adulterated Samples

### 87 B/L – Fish Fingers

6.2% deficient of proper proportion of fish

Manufacturers cautioned

### 1 B/P – Instant Low Fat Milk Skimmed

Label should include the word 'dried'

Firm of the opinion label correct until Jan, 1973 when labelling of Food Regulations come into operation

### 16 B/P – Low Fat Fruit Yogurt

Incorrect list of ingredients

Awaiting decision of Food Standards Committee

### 51 B/P – Low Calorie Sweetner

'Low Calorie' is incorrect – negligible difference from sugar

Labels amended

### 3 B/S – Pork Sausage cont. preservative

4.9% deficient of total meat

Prosecuted. Fined £15.00 with costs £10.00

29.8% deficient of lean meat

### 16 B/T – Pork Sausage cont. preservative

4.6% deficient of total meat

22.2% deficient of lean meat

### 17 B/T – Pork Sausage cont. preservative

9.2% deficient of total meat

Manufacturers cautioned

22.2% deficient of lean meat

### 10 B/T – Chamby Chocolat

Consists of thickened skimmed milk

flavoured with sugar and chocolate. 'Chamby New labels printed

Chocolat' not appropriate designation.

## UNSOUND FOOD

The following foods were inspected and found unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	Cwts	Lbs
Cooked meat and meat products		10	62
Canned Meats		2	54
Other Canned Food		15	80
Fish (Fresh)			
Fruit and vegetables		2	44
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown	1	8	95
Other foods		18	33
TOTAL	3	18	32

## PASTEURISED MILK

Total	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test	
	Satis	Unsatis	Satis	Unsatis
Schools	16	—	16	—
Hospitals, Homes etc.	4	—	4	—
20(14)	20(14)	—(—)	20(14)	—(—)



CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	1,048 (918)	1 (9)	5,263 (4,585)	6,236 (4,352)
Number of which some part or organ was condemned	162 (150)	— (—)	105 (44)	636 (517)
Number of which some part or organ was condemned Tuberculosis only	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (7)
Weight of meat condemned	1,198lbs	—	330lbs	1,527lbs

## CLEAN AIR

### DOMESTIC SMOKE CONTROL

The year opened with a Local Public Enquiry being held on the 8th February, 1972, to hear the objections to the Aldridge/Brownhills Urban District Council No.34 Smoke Control Order, 1971, by residents of the area. The Order, with modifications to exempt certain unfit properties, was duly confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 23rd May, 1972, but due to delay, the proposed date of operation, 1st September, 1972 put back to the 1st July, 1973, to avoid the order coming into operation during the winter months causing possible hardship.

The other two smoke control orders confirmed the previous year, the Aldridge/Brownhills Urban District Council No.30 Smoke Control Order, 1971, and the Aldridge/Brownhills Urban District Council No.31 Smoke Control Order, 1971, came into operation on 1st September, 1972, without any problems arising.

During the year a further smoke control order, the Aldridge/Brownhills U.D.C. No.35 Smoke Control Order, 1972 was made and duly confirmed on the 12th December, 1972, to come into operation on 1st September, 1973. This order covers some 850 acres, some land being in the green belt and includes 620 domestic premises. Initial inspections were also nearing completion at the end of the year for a further Smoke Control Order in the Aldridge District.

Details of Smoke Control Orders as at 31st December, 1972.

Number of Smoke Control Orders in operation	33
Estimated number of Dwellings	12,000
	42.9% of the dwellings of Urban District
Acreage included in smoke control orders	3,493 acres
	26.3% of the area of the Urban District
Number of Smoke Control Orders confirmed	2
Dates of operation	No.34 S.C.O. 1st July, 1973
	No.35 S.C.O. 1st September, 1973
Number of dwellings affected	1,020
Total acreage of the Smoke Control Orders	946 acres

### INDUSTRIAL PREMISES

A problem of smut emission recurred at one industrial company causing further complaints. Investigations were made into the cause of this problem during the late summer and by the end of the year the company had taken the first steps to prevent this nuisance recurring in the future.

Apart from this occurrence, the general industry of the area causes little nuisance by the emission of smoke but there is still considerable nuisance from the burning of car bodies to produce a clean scrap. The problem is made more difficult to check by the persons concerned firing bodies at night and week-ends.

Legal proceedings again had to be resorted to against the offenders.

Clean Air Act, 1956, Section 1	1 Prosecution	Fine	£20.00
Dark Smoke from a chimney		Costs	£5.00
Clean Air Act, 1968, Section 1	2 Prosecutions	1 Fine	£10.00
		1 Fine	£10.00
		Costs	£5.00

Brickworks

As anticipated last year, the smoke produced by the manufacturer of Staffordshire Blue Bricks has now been brought completely under control with the completion of the conversion of his kilns to Liquid Petroleum Gas.

I am pleased to report that, after many years of complaint against the local brick industry, there is now no visible smoke to be seen from their stacks and I do not anticipate to have any further smoke nuisance from this source.

Brass Foundry

This is now, without doubt, the worst single polluter of the Aldridge atmosphere. No improvements have been undertaken during the year under review.

Copper Refiners

These premises, while situated outside the Urban District, still give rise to complaint from time to time and at the close of the year further complaints were being investigated.

# DEPOSIT GAUGES

Solid Deposits in Milligrams per square metre per day

Month	Brownhills		Shelfield	
	1972	1971	1972	1971
January	52	183	84	175
February	57	*	48	113
March	84	160	73	151
April	76	143	58	215
May	72	267	68	236
June	56	250	85	113
July	88	307	69	117
August	10	192	20	110
September	70	109	128	117
October	84	121	46	120
November	57	146	59	170
December	32	109	60	120
Average	59	181	66	137

\* Faulty Gauge

# SULPHUR POLLUTION

Lead Peroxide Gauges giving weight of Sulphur Trioxide in  
Milligrams per 100 square cm. per day

Month	Brownhills		Shelfield	
	1972	1971	1972	1971
January	1.00	2.60	0.90	1.30
February	1.50	2.30	0.60	0.90
March	1.60	1.90	0.80	1.90
April	1.40	2.70	0.70	0.70
May	1.50	1.20	0.60	0.50
June	1.00	*	0.50	*
July	1.30	0.35	0.50	0.80
August	1.00	0.25	0.35	0.80
September	1.20	1.40	0.40	0.40
October	1.60	1.60	0.45	0.70
November	2.10	2.00	0.90	1.90
December	1.50	1.60	1.00	0.90
Average	1.39	1.63	0.70	0.98

\* Faulty Gauge

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1972

Atmospheric Pollution – Industrial	205
Atmospheric Pollution – Trade	44
Combustion Plant	4
Smoke Control Areas	1852
Bonfires	82
Food Premises	1169
Mobile Food Shops & Delivery Vehicles	127
Slaughter House Inspection	4
Meat Inspection	484
Unsound Food – Condemnations	87
Unsound Food – Complaints	209
Housing Inspections – Housing Act	270
Housing Inspections – Health Act	210
Clearance Areas	5
Demolitions	188
Overcrowding	1
Qualification Certificates	145
Improvement Grants	966
Infectious Disease Enquiries	72
Welfare Cases	67
Rodent Control	85
Insect Control	62
Verminous or Dirty Premises	8
Disinfections	2
Sampling – Water	50
Sampling – Faecal or Urine	64
Sampling – Food and Drugs	0
Swimming Baths	59
Refuse – Trade	130
Refuse – Domestic	69
Refuse – Tips	55
Refuse – Accumulations	116
Refuse – Unauthorised tipping	91
Poisonous Wastes	20
Noise Nuisances	190
Smell Nuisances	354
Keeping of Animals	17
Drainage	345
Brook Course Pollution	182
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	581
Factory Inspections (with power)	76
Factory Inspections (without power)	12
Moveable Dwellings	20
Petroleum Storage	12
Riding Establishments	7
Pet Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Scrap Metal Dealers	9
Miscellaneous	335
TOTAL	9156
(1971)	(10911)

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

### (a) Registrations and General Inspections

During the year routine inspections were carried out at all premises registered with the Local Authority.

The following table shows that the majority of premises to which the Act applies were registered prior to this year and had already received a general inspection.

The visits were made mainly when a change of occupancy occurred to ensure that the premises still complied fully with all the requirements of the Act.

Class of Premises	Number of premises Registered during the year	No. of Registered Premises at the end of the year	No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the year
Offices	2	121	133
Retail Shops	7	371	380
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	1	12	12
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	53	53
Fuel storage depots	1	3	3
	12	560	581

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR: 882

### (b) Contraventions

The majority of contraventions were of a minor nature and were remedied following informal action being taken by the Department

#### ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section		
1	Registrations	12
4	Cleanliness	50
5	Overcrowding	2
6	Temperature	25
7	Ventilation	4
8	Lighting	2
9	Sanitary Conveniences	5
10	Washing facilities	7
12	Clothing accomodation	4
16	Floors passages and stairs	11
24	First Aid	28
	Other Matters	24
	Total	174

### (c) Accidents

Eleven accidents were reported during the year, All were thoroughly investigated and were of a minor nature. No formal action was found to be necessary.

#### COMPLAINTS

Complaints received and dealt with:

Drainage, Disrepair and Nuisance	56	(103)
Defective Dustbins	54	(45)
Rats, mice and other infestations	760	(702)
House and Trade Refuse Service		
(a) General	581	(566)
(b) Excess refuse for removal	2268	(1235)
TOTAL :	3719	(2651)

# DISREPAIR NOTICES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1972

	Notices served	Notices completed
Informal	16	7
Formal	14	10
	30 (49)	17 (44)

## SANITARY INSPECTION – PAIL CLOSETS

The number of pail closets in the district is 8

## PETS ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Applications received and granted for a licence to keep a Pet Shop 4 (3)

## RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act. 4 (4)

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act. 4 (3)

## RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION WORK

### Premises Inspected

(To confirm infestation or otherwise)

	Totals Inspected		Found Infested		Found Non-infested		No. of visits made	
	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice
Dwelling houses (including Council houses)	99	30	99	30	—	—	442	156
Business Premises	43	2	43	2	—	—	202	4
Council Premises	10	1	10	1	—	—	74	4
Agricultural Premises	1	—	1	—	—	—	12	—
	153 (199)	33 (33)	153 (197)	33 (33)	— (2)	— (—)	730 (1311)	164 (143)

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 75 (1)

Number of Statutory Notices served	8	(6)
Number of informal Notices served	98	(74)
	106	(80)



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

(This section of the report relates to the year commencing 1st April, 1972 and terminating 31st March, 1973.)

Staff:	Cleansing Foreman	2
Male Employees:	Refuse Collection	47
	Refuse Disposal	2

### Vehicles :

Registration No :	Vehicle	Year
VBF 218 J	Road Sweeper	1971
TBF 860 J	Road Sweeper	1971
NBF 198 D	Road Sweeper	1966
XRF 767 H	Road Sweeper	1970
379 CBF	S. & D. Pakamatic	1962
245 KBF	S. & D. Pakamatic	1963
LBF 663 D	Automatic Loader	1966
BRF 360 E	S. & D. Pakamatic	1967
LRE 236 B	Side Loader	1964
CUR 80 F	S. & D. Pakamatic	1968
ORE 713 F	Crushloader	1968
WRF 402 G	Dennis Paxit Major IIIC	1969
XBF 845 J	S. & D. Fore and Aft Tipper	1971
DOG 75 K	Collectomatic	1972
FOA 783 L	Collectomatic	1972
	1 Massey Ferguson 300 Tractor	

### COST STATEMENT TO THE 31st MARCH, 1973

#### COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE

Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Total
REVENUE ACCOUNT	£	£	£
GROSS EXPENDITURE			
Labour	62,073	1,055	63,128
Transport	38,027	3,850	41,877
Other Items	12,972	1,674	14,646
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	113,072	6,579	119,651
LESS INCOME	1,324	412	1,736
NET COST	£111,748	£6,167	£117,915



